



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5184

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The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PERMITTING THE AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING BUDGET ADOPTION DATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of title 7 and chapters 164, 170 and 204 of the general
3 statutes and any special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance,
4 a municipality, upon a two-thirds vote of its legislative body, may
5 amend its charter for the sole purpose of modifying its budget
6 adoption dates. Such budget adoption dates may include, but need not
7 be limited to, applicable dates relating to an executive presentation of a
8 proposed budget, public hearings, fiscal authority action, publications,
9 referenda or final budget adoption. Any vote by the legislative body of
10 a municipality pursuant to this section shall include a reference to this
11 section. For the purposes of this section, "municipality" has the same
12 meaning as provided in section 7-401 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which permits municipalities to alter the timing of their budget adoption process, but does not change any costs associated with the process.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5184*****AN ACT PERMITTING THE AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING BUDGET ADOPTION DATES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes municipal legislative bodies, by a two-thirds vote, to amend budget adoption dates in their charters. Dates subject to modification include those concerning: the executive presentation of the proposed budget, public hearings, action by the fiscal authority, publications, referenda, and final budget adoption.

The bill's authorization applies regardless of conflicting (1) special act, charter, or home rule ordinance provisions or (2) statutes on municipalities, local taxes, public schools, or boards of education. (Generally, to amend a charter, a municipality must (1) ask the General Assembly to make the change in the municipality's special act charter or (2) in the case of home rule charters, establish a charter revision commission and comply with a statutory procedure.)

"Municipalities" covered by the authorization include towns; cities; boroughs; consolidated towns and cities; consolidated towns and boroughs; school districts; regional school districts; metropolitan districts; and similar municipal corporations, organizations, authorities, and taxing districts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/16/2018)